

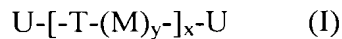
IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-10 (Canceled).

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): An aqueous pretreatment liquor for preparing a textile substrate for inkjet printing, comprising:

- (A) one or more polycationic compounds,
- (B) one or more associative thickeners of the general formula (I), (II) and/or (III)



where:

(M)_y is a unit derived from polyalkylene ether, M being an individual alkylene ether unit and y being from 1 to 100,000,

T is in each occurrence the same or different unit derived from a diisocyanate, x is an average from 1 to 500,

U is in each occurrence the same or different unit of at least 4 carbon atoms that is derived from aliphatic or aromatic alcohols, alkoxyated alcohols, thiols, amines or carboxylic acids,

- (C) optionally customary additives,
- (D) water.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): An aqueous pretreatment liquor as claimed in claim 11, wherein said polycationic compounds (A) are polymers or copolymers of diallyldialkylammonium monomers.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): An aqueous pretreatment liquor as claimed in claim 12, wherein said polycationic compounds (A) are a diallyldimethylammonium chloride homopolymer.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): An aqueous pretreatment liquor as claimed in claim 13, wherein said compounds of the general formula (I) are obtained from

- (i) polyetherdiols,
- (ii) diisocyanates, and
- (iii) ~~compounds, R compounds~~ of the general formula R-OH, R-SH, R-NH₂, RR'NH or R-COOH, where R is a hydrophobic aliphatic or aromatic radical of at least 4 carbon atoms and R-OH ~~may have been~~ is optionally alkoxylated, ~~and also or~~ further derivatives thereof that are capable of forming a urethane, thiourethane or urea bond,

said compounds of the formula (II) are obtained from

- (i) polyetherdiols with
- (iv) compounds of the general formula R-OH or R-COOH, where R is a hydrophobic aliphatic or aromatic radical of at least 4 carbon atoms and R-OH ~~may have been~~ is optionally alkoxylated, ~~and also or~~ further derivatives thereof that are capable of forming an ether or ester bond, and

said compounds of the formula (III) are obtained from said compounds (ii) and (iii).

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): An aqueous pretreatment liquor as claimed in claim ~~[[13]]~~ 14, wherein said polyetherdiols ~~[[(ii)]]~~ (i) are at least one selected from the group consisting of polyethylene glycol, polypropylene glycol, ~~[[and]]~~ polytetrahydrofuran, ~~[[and]]~~ copolymers of ethylene oxide and propylene oxide, ~~[[or]]~~ copolymers of ethylene oxide and

butylene oxide, and terpolymers of ethylene oxide, ~~[[and]]~~ propylene oxide and butylene oxide.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): An aqueous pretreatment liquor as claimed in claim 11, comprising:

- (a) from 0.1 % to 50% by weight of polycationic compounds (A),
- (b) from 0.1% to 50% by weight of thickeners (B),
- (c) from 0% to 30% by weight of customary additives (C), and
- (d) water ad 100% by weight.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): A pretreatment composition comprising said components (A), (B) and optionally (C) as defined in claim 11.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): A process for pretreating a textile substrate for inkjet printing, which comprises applying the aqueous pretreatment liquor of claim 11 to said textile substrate and subsequently drying the impregnated textile substrate.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A process for printing a textile substrate by ~~[[the]]~~ an inkjet process, which comprises applying the aqueous pretreatment liquor of claim 11, drying the impregnated textile substrate and printing said impregnated textile substrate by the inkjet process.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The printed textile substrate obtained by the process of claim 19.

Claim 21 (New): An aqueous pretreatment liquor as claimed in claim 11, wherein component (B) comprises an associative thickener of general formula (I).

Claim 22 (New): An aqueous pretreatment liquor as claimed in claim 11, wherein component (B) comprises an associative thickener of general formula (II).

Claim 23 (New): An aqueous pretreatment liquor as claimed in claim 11, wherein component (B) comprises an associative thickener of general formula (III).

Claim 24 (New): An aqueous pretreatment liquor as claimed in claim 11, wherein y is from 10 to 10,000.

Claim 25 (New): An aqueous pretreatment liquor as claimed in claim 11, wherein x is 1 to 2.

Claim 26 (New): An aqueous pretreatment liquor as claimed in claim 11, wherein x is 1.

Claim 27 (New): An aqueous pretreatment liquor as claimed in claim 11, wherein U has at least six carbon atoms.

Claim 28 (New): The process as claimed in claim 18, wherein the textile substrate comprises at least one of cotton and polyester.

Claim 29 (New): The process as claimed in claim 19, wherein the textile substrate comprises cotton and is printed with a pigment ink.

Claim 30 (New): The process as claimed in claim 19, wherein the textile substrate comprises a polyester and is printed with a disperse dye ink.